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Big graduation day

By **JO2 Carmichael Yopez**
Editor

The month of May and June turned out to be a big graduation celebration for residents at Naval Air Facility El Centro.

From the children at the Child Development Center to the adults who attended Vincennes University, they wore their caps and gowns to the stage to receive their diplomas.

On Thursday May 22, at the Mirage Club on base, it appeared as if the Navy Ball was about to take place, but in fact it was the graduation ceremony for the children of the Child Development Center (CDC). Standing only a few feet tall, the new graduates were presented to the audience. Then, directed by their teachers, they proceeded to sing the National Anthem followed by other songs. Executive Officer CDR Peter Hayes concluded the ceremony by recognizing the efforts of the teachers at the CDC, then presented eight CDC graduates with their diplomas.

On Thursday Jun 5th a sense of pride could be the only way to describe how seven students from NAF El Centro felt after receiving their Associate's Degree from Vincennes University.

"It can be quite a challenge," said Amy Danish, Assistant Site

Director for Vincennes University. "Some students have families and almost all of them work full time, but, with a little extra effort it can be done."

NC1 Deitrich Jones, who previously served as the Command Career Counselor and Vicki Heine, an employee for Public Works graduated with honors from Vincennes. Mrs. Heine followed the example of her husband, a retired Chief Master-at-Arms, who received his associates from Vincennes in 1999. Her daughter Christine, who works at the Bowling Alley, and son Robert, who is a firefighter at the Fire Department on base, have also taken classes at Vincennes. They also plan to to receive their associate's degree in the near future.

"I feel proud of myself," said Mrs. Heine. I started college after high school, but quit to follow my husband who was in the Navy. It took a long time, but now I'm happy to finish something I started 25 years ago."

Two more graduations took place on Friday, May 13. In the morning, at Seeley Elementary School, the cafeteria was filled to capacity as parents and relatives looked for the best spot to snap a picture of their graduating child from Kindergarten. For 6-year-old PJ Hayes the ceremony had



Above: Six-year-old Sayeh Becker, and friend Morgan Salazar at their kindergarten graduation. Below: CDR Peter Hayes presents five-year-old Mathew Metts with his CDC diploma. Below center The Heine family at mom's graduation in San Diego. Bottom: Vincennes Graduates Rosemary Galvan, NC1 Deitrich Jones and Vicky Heine. Bottom right. Seeley 8th Grade graduation at the Southwest High School Auditorium.

an even a greater significance as he held the American Flag during the pledge of allegiance.

"It was refreshing to see our school children learning about our flag and what it represents," said CDR Peter Hayes. "My wife Lori and I were especially proud to see our son PJ carry the flag into his kindergarten graduation."

Later that evening, the graduations continued at Southwest High School, where the 8th graders from Seeley Elementary received their diplomas. The graduation concluded with a dance at the Mirarage Club on base.





"Hot diggidy... This stuff is really good"

Commissary holds 1st Chili Cook Off

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez

Editor

There were ten pots to taste from. Some were a little spicy, others were a little hot and some

had a little sweet taste to them, but they were all good to the palate.

On Monday May 5th, the Commissary held its first Chili Cookoff in front of the Commissary from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

"The cookoff was very suc-

cessful," said Marty Pavao, Commissary Secretary. "We had a lot of people come to sample the entries."

Some people had to taste the samples more than a few times to come up with their favorite choice, but in the end, the 1st place went to Elena Lewis from the Exchange, making her NAF's Chili Cookoff Master.

"I was shocked to hear I got first place, because people were saying my chili was a little hot," said Lewis. "But I was really happy to have received 1st place. I received a first place ribbon and a cool ice chest as a prize."

Second place went to NC1 Pamela Jensen from the Admin. Department and 3rd place went to AC2 Joshua Royek from Operations.

"Getting 2nd place was a nice bonus, but most of all having this event was a great way to celebrate



Photos by JO2 Carmichael Yopez

Left: On his way to the Commissary US Air Force, Senior Master Sgt., Robert McVay could not avoid stopping by to sample the chili. Above: Bowling Manager, Rick Woods takes a second bowl of his favorite pick.



Cinco de Mayo," said Jensen. "There was chili for everyone's taste, from fiery to mild. I'm definitely looking forward to the Commissary's next contest.

Storm Water Pollution

By Bill Kagele

Public Works Department



Many people think that everything that flows into a storm drain is treated, just like wastewater in a sewer system. The problem is that a sewer system and a storm system are different. Water that goes down a sink or toilet flows to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated and filtered. Water that flows down a storm drain goes untreated directly to a lake, river or an ocean.

Here are six general guidelines to prevent storm water pollution at NAF:

1. Do not dump waste into storm drains.
2. Recycle motor oil and antifreeze.
3. Use dry clean-up methods for spills and outdoor cleaning. Vacuum, sweep, and use rags or dry absorbents. Never hose spills in the gutter.
4. Dispose of household chemicals properly.
5. Purchase household and garden products that are environmentally safe. Try to buy only the amount you need.
6. Shovel up pet waste and throw away into the garbage or flush down the toilet.

Storm water pollution can be minimized if everyone ensures only rainwater enters the storm water system.

MWR sports wrap up

By Andre Turner

MWR

Hello NAF, here is the update on MWR sports.

In the Captain's Cup standings CONS has taken the lead by one point. They were crowned the Softball Champions at the end of May. CONS came from the bottom of the list and beat all the top teams. Khakis finished second in a great effort out of the loser's bracket. The next events for Captain's Cup are

Over the Line Softball and Horseshoes. The teams consist of 3 members on the Over the Line and two members on the Horseshoes. If you would like to enter a team please forward a roster to turner.andre@nafec.navy.mil or call me at Ext. 2482. Here are the standings

1 CONS	10 pts
2 Khakis	9 pts
2 SFMU	9 pts
3 BOS	1 pt
3 WEOPS	1pt

Good numbers to know

Security	339-3534
Front Gate	339-2688
Brown & Root	
Service Desk	339-2204
Public Affairs	339-2519
Legal	339-2673
Chapel	339-2461
CDC	339-2327
Commissary	339-2558
Housing Office	339-2920
Jetmart	339-2339
Medical	339-2674
Hobby shop	339-2689
Gym	339-2488
Gear Issue	339-2486
Bowling Alley	339-2575
Mirage Club	339-2351
Pools	339-2582/2487
Exchange	339-2478
Barber	339-2597

Cut and post on fridge



Leadership rules according to a retired Air Force General



By NC1 Pamela Jensen
Command Career Counselor

I had the opportunity to observe two ROTC commissioning ceremonies on May 9th and 10th of 2003 and I'd like to share with you part of one speaker's presentation. Major Jeffrey N. Fawcett, USAF, spoke at the Air Force ceremony and he shared some rules he had learned while serving as Aide-de-Camp to General Richard E. Hawley, United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE). While presented as "words of wisdom" to newly commissioned second lieutenants, I extracted some rules I believe can be applicable to all military personnel.

No one brings bad news to the king sitting in his castle. If you want to know what is going on in the unit or command you have to get out there and see for yourself. As General Hawley used to say "I want to see the good, the bad and the ugly; it is the only way that I know how I can improve or help the command and troops".

The Commander must set the example for the Command in all things. The General knew the staff would never leave for the day until he did and he rarely came in on weekends or holidays. That's not to say the General didn't work on weekends or holidays. If we

were traveling over a weekend or holiday he would work or he worked at home. Although it was not unusual to see an email from him that was sent on a Sunday at 1300, he set the example by being home with the family as much as possible and looking out for the welfare of his staff. He felt everyone was a leader to someone, down to the newest airman out of boot camp.

Every job or duty is just as important as any other. One of the General's favorite stops on base visits was the records section of the base hospital or clinic. He liked to see the attitude of the troops working there. When you are sick or not feeling well, one of the last things you want is someone in the record section with a bad attitude. That records clerk is just as important as the F-16 pilot.

Make your agenda your boss's agenda. When asked after a ceremony at Nellis AFB why some officers never make it to General, General Hawley explained that some times officers have great ideas and plans but fail to get their boss on board with that idea. These officers can sometimes still push their idea through, but it's a lot easier if you get your boss on board and make him believe it was his own idea. The General would often say "there is no limit to how much you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

Have fun; if you're not having fun then maybe it's time for you to get out. People would ask the General how he got to be a

four star... what plan had he used to get there. The General would tell them he didn't plan to be general in fact he thought he would be out of the Air Force after he did his payback for his academy education, but he was having too much fun. He liked the people he was working with, he liked what he was doing and before he knew it, it was time to retire.

The most important assignment you have is the one you have right now. When asked for billet suggestions to enhance the chance of advancement to General, he would explain "...there is no path to the stars...do your duty, work hard in the job you are in now and don't worry about rank or promotion. Those things will come if you do the best you can in the job you are in now.

There are a hundred other people that could do this job just as well as me. He used to say he was a four star because he had worked for some great leaders and he had some great people working for him, but the biggest reason was he was just plain lucky.

You can learn just as much from a poor leader as you can from a great leader. Learn from others mistakes so you don't make them yourself.

Remember, the American people have entrusted the military with their most prized treasure—their children. Look out for their welfare and stay in touch with their lives and concerns. We can get nothing done without our people.

Are you living in an abusive situation?

By Dr. Lynn Flowers
Family Advocacy Representative

Lifelines Services Network has suggested ten questions to help examine your relationship:

1. Are you afraid of doing the "wrong" thing, even if you're not sure what that is?
2. Does your partner watch your every move?
3. Do you feel sexually ashamed or humiliated, or are you being sexually hurt?
4. Does your partner refuse to help when you're sick, injured, or pregnant?
5. Does he or she "put you down" at home or in public?

6. Do you avoid discussing some subjects because you're afraid that your partner's reaction will be violent?
 7. Does your partner place excessive limitations on the things you do, such as the time he or she "allows" you to do errands or to see friends?
 8. Does your partner accuse you of being unfaithful, of being crazy, of being worthless?
 9. Has he or she injured you physically, no matter how slightly?
 10. Do you live in constant fear for yourself or your children?
- Nobody should be abused. If you**



are abused:

1. Protect yourself and your children
 2. Seek help.
 3. Make the changes necessary for you and your children to live abuse-free.
- For further information, contact the NAF El Centro Fleet and Family Support Office at 339-2241.**

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Clinic celebrates Hospital Corps' 105th Birthday

By **HM1 Francisco Castellano**
Base Clinic

On June 17th the Branch Medical Clinic celebrated the anniversary of the Hospital Corps at a small ceremony on base.

"We are here today to celebrate one hundred and five years since president William McKinley signed into law a bill establishing the Hospital Corps. And ever since, we have served in every theater of operation with great gallantry and honor saving lives and providing humanitarian assistance. President McKinley never envisioned the proud

heritage and tradition he would start."

These were the introductory words Petty Officer Castellano used to commence the ceremony followed by a reading of a series of biographies of corpsmen who were Medal of Honor recipients.

The ceremony concluded with the cutting of the cake by the oldest and youngest Corpsman.

Following the traditional cake cutting, the corpsman had a potluck for all those who attended.



U.S. Public Health Service...Who are they?

By **J02 Carmichael Yopez**
Editor

You have probably run into them at the commissary, or at the Jetmart wearing khakis with a not so recognizable insignia on their collar. After rendering a salute, you try to remember where you've seen them before, or where they work, and come to the conclusion that it's not here on base.

It took a little investing and a few questions here and there, but

I finally figured out who they were. They belong to the Public Health Service (PHS), one of the seven Uniformed Services of the United States. Their mission is to provide a highly-trained corps of health professionals who work in the prevention of the spread of disease. The Corps includes dentists, sanitary engineers, pharmacists, nurses, sanitarians, scientists, and other health professionals.

In El Centro, they work with the Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), one of the busiest processing centers in the nation. At the INS detention center, the Public Health service is responsible for assuring that the provisions of health care services to detained individuals are consistent with community standards. The facility maintains an average daily census of about 400 to 500 illegal immigrants from over fifty nations throughout the world. All

detainees are immediately screened for infectious diseases. Dental care and mental health services are provided as well.

Their medical staff consists of 26 employees of which half are PHS commissioned officers. Of these only four officers live on base. CAPT Mariana Moe, RN, CDR Dr. David Douglas, a dentist, LCDR Dr. Xiomara Brown, MD and LCDR Eileen Falzini RN.

From the Housing Department

By **Cathy Harper**

Housing

Automotive Repairs: This is a reminder that due to environmental and safety concerns no automotive/vehicle carports, parking spaces, or on the street. Changing motor oil, batteries, or other automotive fluids is strictly prohibited.

Energy Conservation: This is a friendly reminder to please comply with energy and water conservation policies. Use the common sense approach by turning off lights, computer monitors, stereo or television when you leave the room. When watering your lawn, do not let water overflow and run down sidewalks or into the street. Best watering times are late evenings through early



morning. Adjust sprinklers to prevent over spray.

Wading Pools: The use of small pools is authorized in housing. However, the water must not exceed 12 inches in depth and must be emptied on a daily basis. Wading pools are to be constantly monitored by an adult during use and must not be left unattended while holding water for any length of time.

Traffic Safety: Now that summer is here and school is out there will be children out playing in housing areas. Drivers must observe the posted speed limits (15 MPH in housing areas) as children may dart unexpectedly into the street. Remember, it may be your own child you save.

Meet NAF's new Ombudsman



Mrs. Julie Suamataia

After months of searching, NAF finally has an Ombudsman. "She is like the Command Master Chief for the spouses," said CAPT Ziegler during last months quarters. "She is someone for the spouses to come talk to about issues they need me to fix."



Desert Gardens Elementary learns about the Navy



Top: AO3 Tiant Foreman from Weapons leads his group to the Gym. Above: Fitness Center Manager Joanne Jutras explains how the treadmill works.

Below: Recreation Aid, Luanne Morrison tells the students about facilities available to Sailors on base.



Above: Members of the Fire Dept. gave the students a chance to wear a fire suit.

Bottom center: Students get a wide

view from the Tower.

Bottom right: AO3 Foreman points to the Water Park at the top of the slide.



By J02 Carmichael Yopez
Editor

"We learned a lot about the Navy," said one student. Then in unison the entire bus load of 6th graders shouted, "We had a great time Mr. Petty Officer."

On Friday May 23, sixty-five students from Desert Gardens Elementary learned a great deal about what we do here on base thanks to a group of volunteer Sailors, civilians and the various departments who were part of the tour.

"This has been the best tour the students have been to," said 6th Grade Teacher, Cathy Sanders.

"We would like to thank the captain of the base and all the tour guides. You have really had an impact on the students."

Tax Scam targets potential recipients of Advance Child Tax Credit

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has issued a consumer alert, warning taxpayers about a new scam targeting potential recipients of the Advance Child Tax Credit.

In this new scheme, a taxpayer receives a telephone call from a person who promises to speed up the payment of the Advance Child Tax Credit checks. The catch is the



taxpayer must agree to a \$39.99 charge to a credit card.

No person or organization can "speed up" the payment of tax benefits. In reality, taxpayers do not have to take any action to get the new benefit, which features an advance payment for up to \$400 per qualifying child. The Treasury Department and IRS will perform all the calculations and automatically mail a notice and a check to each eligible taxpayer, beginning the week of July 25.

Those who qualify will automatically receive a notification from the IRS. The check will follow a few days after the notice.

Military families have been targeted by these scam artists who use current events to prey on unsuspecting victims. The caller often seeks your credit card information to get a taxpayer to pay for special benefits.

If you encounter this latest tax scam report it to your nearest Internal Revenue Service office. When in doubt, seek help from the IRS or a tax professional. You can call the IRS tax fraud hotline at 1-800-829-0433.

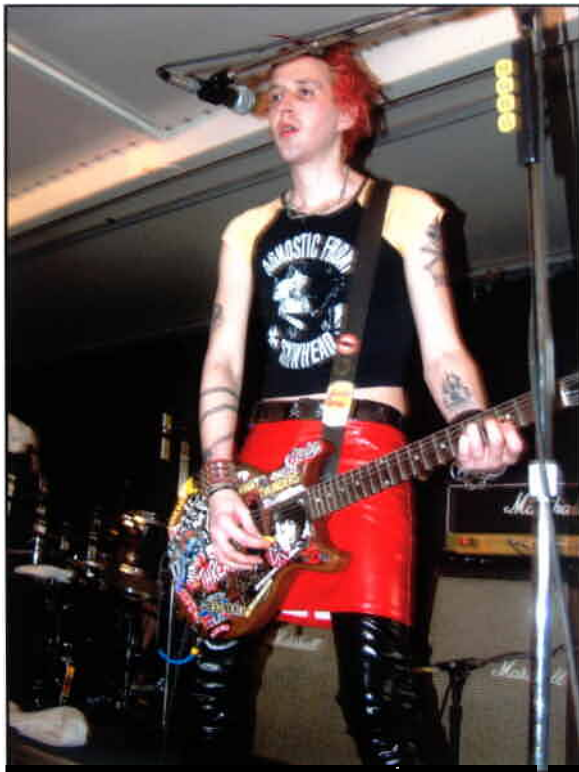
Child Development Food Program

The Navy Region Southwest Child Development Services announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for the Child Development Centers and the Child Development Homes Program. All children in these

programs will be offered the same meals at no separate charge with no physical segregation of and without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability or political belief. The CACFP is available to all eligible participants.

If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability or political belief, contact Polly Elam at (805) 982-4663 or Zelietha Edsman at (805) 982-4849, or Chris Batelaan at (805) 989-3675 or write them at

the Child Development Center, Naval Base Ventura County, MWR Code N921V1 Port Hueneme Site/ Point Mugu Site, 311 Main ED Suite 1, Point Mugu CA 93042-5000. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Joan Jett

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JO2 Carmichael Yopez





and the Blackhearts play free concert at NAF

By JO2 Carmichael Yezpe
Editor

NAF El Centro residents enjoyed an evening of live rock & roll on Sunday, June 8, when rock star Joan Jett and the Blackhearts played a free concert on base.

"The concert was awesome," said David Flynn. "It was a lot greater than I thought it was going to be."

The hour long concert ended with an encore performance that had the crowd cheering for more.

"I loved the concert," said Navy spouse Cynthia Flores. "I grew up listening to Joan Jett and have always been a big fan of hers. I called my family to let them know about the concert and they got jealous because I got to see her live."

Playing for the troops is noth-

ing new for the Blackhearts. They have played for them around the world.

"We are very proud of the troops seeing them in action as we have," said Joan Jett. We are impressed by their professionalism and appreciate what they do for us."

After the concert, Joan Jett got to sit in the cockpit of an F/A-18 fighter jet, as Executive Officer Peter Hayes gave her some of the particulars about the aircraft. She then turned to the crowd and gave them a two thumbs up causing them to shout "Joan Jett, Joan Jett." Joan Jett, then approached her fans to sign autographs and take a few photos.

"We thought her musical performance was excellent," said MWR Recreation Director, Jay Underwood. "We didn't realize

all the work that was required to make this happen, but in the end everything turned out fine. We were delighted that she had the enthusiasm and endurance after playing in this desert heat to stick

around and sign every single autograph. MWR would like to thank everyone involved in helping set up and make this event happen."





Promotions:



Photo by: JO2 Carmichael Yopez

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez
Editor

They took the exam in March and within a few months these Sailors found themselves sitting in an indoctrination class learning the principals of leadership, core values and Naval History.

"This was my first time taking the exam," said MA3 Tavon Cooper. "It felt good to make it the first time up, because I had to go through a lot just to take the exam since I was an undesignated fireman on the

USS Bataan. Now I hope to make second the first time up."

Besides the increase in pay, the biggest accomplishment will be the added responsibility they now carry.

"I enjoy the responsibility that has been given to me," said MA3 Adam Moser. "I always heard people saying it was going to be a big step and now I understand what they meant. It is one of the biggest steps you will ever make, and I am glad I was able to do it."

On Thursday May 15th the seven NAF Sailors were frocked

to Third Class Petty Officers by CAPT Paul Zielger during monthly Quarters.

"I'm pretty happy that I made third class," said MA3 Lymaris Cabrera. "But I will be happier when I see the money on my pay check."

Other Sailors recently promoted Strike

AME2 Anthony McCarlson
AZ2 Tarrah Morgan
AO2 Charles Wolf
SK1 Michael Faulk
AE1 David Najera

Medical Clinic

HM3 Rudy Rios
HM2 Preston Stillman
HM1 Francisco Castellano

Weapons Department

AO3 Jesse Gritton
AO1 Timothy Hort

Operations Department

AZ2 Tracy Mummert
AC2 John Pettigrove
AC2 James Bonine

Security Department

MA3 Cory Bankston
MA2 Billy Waters

Thanks NAF, the food was really good

By JO2 Carmichael Yopez
Editor

"On behalf of our entire squadron we would like to present this to your Galley and your staff for the outstanding service and great food you provided to our troops," said CAPT J. Martin, Maintenance Officer for the Belgian squadron as he presented a framed lithograph of a Belgian F-16 to Supply Officer, LT Ernuel Miranda and the Galley staff.

From April through mid May, the Belgians came to NAF for the

first time to do bombing exercises and night vision goggle training. It took them a while to adapt to the valley heat, but they had no problem adapting to the commodities on base like the MWR facilities and the Galley. Although they were not sure if they would return in the future, they were very impressed with the hospitality of the valley and the residents on base.

Belgian CAPT J. Martin presents LT Miranda and the Galley crew with a framed lithograph.



Photo by: JO2 Carmichael Yopez



Sailors help raise money for Special Olympians

By **CM2 Eric Magee**

Staff Writer

It was a hot sunny day, but that didn't melt the enthusiasm for six Sailors who volunteered to participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run held on Saturday May 17th in El Centro.

The purpose was to raise money for the Imperial County Special Olympians to attend this year's Summer Games being held in Long Beach, CA.

Each runner recruited sponsors to help raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics. The Sailors raised over \$600 for the Imperial Valley Special Olympic athletes.

The torch began its journey in Calexico passing through Heber, El Centro, Imperial and ending back in El Centro for a total of 29 miles. NAF was assigned a 3 mile leg from Danenberg Ave. on 4th

Street and ending on Broadway and 4th Street. LT Michael O'Beirne and LT Pete Aparico started the leg for the NAF team receiving the torch from the INS team. The torch was passed from teammate to teammate. Fire Controlman 2nd Class Petty Officer Norman Norred ran a total of 7 miles.

"It was such a great pace and having a police escort was fun, so I just kept going," said Norred.

"Out of all the community service events I've been involved with, this one has drawn the most attention," said Chief Master-at-Arms Philip Burnett, who was responsible for coordinating the volunteers from base. "It made a big splash across town."

After the run, a ceremony was held at the Conrad Harrison Gym on Park Avenue where a special luncheon was served to all the participants and their families. El



Photo by: CM2 Eric Magee

LT Michael O'Beirne and LT Pete Aparico take the lead during their trek of the run.

Centro City Mayor, Jack Terrazas, proclaimed the day as The Imperial Valley Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Day and presented the runners with a special medal.

"I think this event was very rewarding," said O'Beirne. "We got to participate in the event and at the same time raise money for a worthy cause."

Auxiliary Security Force adds new Sailors to its ranks

By **JO2 Carmichael Yopez**

Editor

After spending two weeks of intense training at the Auxiliary Security Force Academy, twenty Sailors received their graduation certificates at a small ceremony held on on Friday May 16.

The Sailors, who came from Strike, Weapons and Operations departments, will now make up for the lost reservists who were recently deactivated on May 29. During their training, Sailors familiarized with weapons, self-defense "take down" techniques, the definition of deadly force, and the latest information on terrorism.

"You are the vital link in maintaining base security readiness in these times of heightened security awareness," said Security Officer, Michael Conn. "I would like you to know



Photo by: JO2 Carmichael Yopez

The members of the new Auxiliary Security Force come from different departments on base. Some will be temporarily assigned to Security, while others will stand duty twice a month.

that you are a great asset to this facility."

During the ceremony the

academy also received high remarks from their instructors, who said this had been the most

outstanding class they had graduated.



NAF participates in worldwide America's Kids Run

By J02 Carmichael Yopez
Editor

On May 28, children from NAF El Centro participated in one of the greatest events held worldwide; The America's Kids Run sponsored by Nike.

The annual run, which originated in Spokane Washington 17-years ago now attracts more than 20,000 military children.

"This is the first time we have done this event," said Fitness Center Manager, Joanne Jutras. "The objective was to have military children become more involved in fitness and exercise."

According to Jutras, 39 children on base took part in the race. Children ages five to six ran 1/4 of a mile, children ages six to 12 ran 1/2 a mile and children ages 13 and up ran a mile under black flag conditions. All participants received a free T-shirt.

"The event went really well," stated Jutras. "The children had lots of fun. I would like to thank Security, Medical, the Fire Department and all the volunteers who made this happen."

Jutras said in the future, she plans to organize more events for children like the kids run. In the mean time,



Photo by: Charlotte Lindsey

the Fitness Center will be commencing the Presidential Kids Summer Program June through August. The program requires for children

to log 30 hours of exercise, or physical activity in a certain sport in order to receive a certificate signed by the President of the United

States.

For more information on children activities at the Fitness Center call 339-2488.

By J02 Carmichael Yopez

NAF El Centro would like to **Welcome Aboard** the following new personnel.

New Housing Director, Clara B. Parrish, who is coming from Pensacola, Fla. She has more than 17 years experience in the housing field. "I love working with the Navy," she said. "Together with my staff, we plan to provide you with the best quality of life on base."

Our second newcomer is NEX Manager, Michael Lee Jackson, and no he is not related to the man with the glove. He prefers to be called "Mike." He is from the local community and has nine years experience in the retail business. "I'd like to thank NAF for having me here," said Jackson. "I'm already used to the heat, so all we need to do is work on providing our customers with the best service possible."



Clara B. Parrish



Mike Lee Jackson



Jack Lewis

Most of you might already be familiar with our third newcomer, Jack Lewis, our new MWR Director. Mr. Lewis is coming from New Orleans and has been working

with MWR for 19 years. "I appreciate everybody's support," said Lewis. "I hope to get up to speed quickly to be able to collaborate with our community."

PSD Corner

By PN1 Luis Merlos-Avila

PSD

Changes in overseas screening procedures

The following summarizes the changes to the overseas suitability screening process:

A. The Command Master Chief, Chief of the Boat, or Senior Enlisted Advisor of the transferring command to needs to endorse the overseas assignment for enlisted personnel.

B. Any questions checked "yes" on the screening form NAVPERS 1300/16 Rev 02-03 (except questions 11 and 15) disqualify the member for overseas assignment.

C. Documented drug abuse within previous 24 months is disqualifying for overseas assignment.

D. A review of accession waivers. Sailors with

pre-service moral waivers (drug, alcohol, or criminal) are disqualified for overseas assignment for their first duty station.

E. Any EVAL/FITREP mark below 3.0 in the previous two years disqualifies the member for overseas assignment.

F. Change verbiage regarding disciplinary history to read "will be" disqualifying vice "may be".

G. The overseas assignment screening form (NAVPERS 1300-16) is now updated to reflect above requirements. The updated overseas suitability screening form (NAVPERS 1300/16 Rev 02-03) is available at: <http://buperscd.technology.navy.mil/bpnewforms.htm>.

Social Security numbers for dependents

When adding a new family member into DEERS the correct Social Security Number is

required. If one is not available at the time, as it is often the case with newborns, one must be provided within 90 days. Failure to return and provide an SSN will result in the termination of certain privileges, including medical.

Montgomery GI Bill Forms

Q. What form should I use to enroll into the MGIB?

A. DD form 2366.

Q. What form should I use to increase my monthly benefit?

A. DD form 2366-1.

Q. What form should I use to transfer some of my benefits to my spouse or children?

A. DD form 2366-2.

Q. Where can I find all of these forms?

A. <http://web1.whs.osd.mil/icdhome/formatab.htm>.



Reservist return home after a year at NAF

By **GM2 William Donovan**
Security

"Fair winds and following seas", an age-old phrase used in the Navy was used to bid farewell to the last eleven reservists assigned to Naval Air Facility El Centro at a ceremony held at the Mirage Club on Friday May 23rd.

In the beginning of May, Security Officer, LT Michael Conn received word to deactivate the reservists by May 29 of this year.

For the past year, close to 30 reservists had been recalled in support of



Photo by: LT David Rodriguez
From Left to right: SK1 Jose Montano, MS2 George Leon, IT2 Wesley Merriweather, IT2 Susan Potter, CM2 Eric Magee, CAPT Paul Ziegler, IC2 Donald Carter, IT3 Lauralyn Nelson, AK2 Anna O'Quinn, CTA1 Jeffrey Cates, AME2 Rosaura Panganiban, and AD1 Armand Bueno.

Operation Enduring Freedom. They came from all over the country and from many different backgrounds with only one mission, to serve and protect their country. For many it was a difficult transition not only because they were returning to a way of life they had left many years ago, but in

many cases were taking a cut in pay.

CAPT Ziegler presented the reservist with Letters of Appreciation and presented two Navy Achievement Medals.

As they discussed their experiences, most of the stories revolved around the day they received the call to duty.

"It would have been difficult to fulfill our mission without your help," said Conn. "We appreciate the sacrifice that you have made and wish you a safe return home."

Raytheon Aerospace is now Vertex

By **Gabrielle T. Steinau**
Admin

The five civilians, who have worked for Raytheon Aerospace LLC at Hangar 9 will now be working under a new name. In June, Raytheon Aerospace LLC changed names to Vertex Aerospace LLC to complete a prior agreement with the Raytheon Company. The name change will have no effect on the quality service the two C-12 and three T-34 mechanics provide the base. "Nothing changes with this announcement except our name," said Dan Grafton, Vertex Aerospace LLC president and CEO. "We will continue to provide the same world-class service that has built

and defined this company for nearly 30 years."

The company began in 1976 as Beech Aerospace Services, Inc. (BASI) in Wichita, Kansas. The company's home office moved to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1979, and in 1995 changed names to Raytheon Aerospace Company. After the change to Veritas Capital in 2001, the name changed to Raytheon Aerospace LLC.

Today's Vertex Aerospace customers include all branches of the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Customs, Drug Enforcement Administration, and NASA. The 6,300 company employees



Photo by: JO2 Carmichael Veger
Bruce Thomson, a retired Navy Chief is one of two mechanics who maintain the C-12.

aircraft and equipment at 323 locations worldwide, and provide contract maintenance and training support for military, government and commercial customers.

Public Works log

By **LT Michael O'Beirne**
Public Works

Once again it's that time of year when we start drinking more in the summer heat. Throw all your empty beverage containers into the recycling receptacles located around your homes and office spaces to help NAF El Centro's recycling program.

The Recycling Division would also like to thank everyone in family housing for their participation in the

base wide recycling program. It appears that each week more homes are choosing to participate in the program. Remember your three **R's, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!**

For the past months, the Public Works Self Help Division has been busy working on different projects. They completed the first stage of sidewalk construction along "A" Street. With help from the Calapatria Prison Community Crew, they were able to construct 1,000 feet of sidewalk, providing for a safer place to jog or walk.



Photos by: LT Michael O'Beirne

Left: CM2 Philip Benedicto leads the Calapatria crew during the sidewalk cement pouring on A st. Right: BU1 (SWC) is adding picture frames to the new quarterdeck board for Bldg. 214.



Another project completed was the 8 by 16 foot projection screen for MWR's inaugural "Dive in Movie" at the pool. More than one hundred Sailors and family

members enjoyed the "splashing" movie event.

Another project on the way is the new command board for the quarterdeck area of Building 214.



Welcome Aboard May Indoc Class

From left to right: OS1 Robert Cooper (Sec), AEAN Michael Romey (Strike), ADAN Orlando Maldonado (Strike), AEAN Bethany Williams (Strike), ADAN Susan Flores (Strike) and ADAN Andrew Baust (Strike).

Attention to Quarters

By **JO2 Carmichael Yezpe**
Editor

Quarters was held on Thursday May 15, and on Thursday June, 19, where the following awards were presented.

Quarters Thursday May 15:
1. MAC Philip Burnett received a Double Eagle award for his contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign.

2. HM3 Preston Stillman received a LOC for being NAF's JOSH. "It was an honor to represent the clinic," said Stillman. "I particu-

larly enjoyed the T-Bone steak at the Navy League Dinner." Stillman also received a \$50.00 check from the Navy League.

3. Linda Graham from Public Works received an Eagle Award for her contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign. CAPT Paul Ziegler and ITC Jon McPherson also qualified to receive the Eagle award for their contributions.

4. Dennis Maney and Paul Renteria from Public Works received a LOA.

Farewells, Promotions & Reenlistments



Reenlisted - AC1 Scott Margetta (Operations), Friday May 9th. Petty Officer Margetta has two years until his retirement, so that was exactly the amount of years he reenlisted for. He plans to be a paramedic after he gets out of the Navy. Top right with his wife Sharise at his reenlistment ceremony.



Wet-down - LCDR Randy Johnson (Operations) took his last military flight Friday May 16th. They are not joking when they say "Wet-down." At NAF it means you are getting soaked with a big fire hose. LCDR Johnson retired the following month after 20 years of honorable service. He retired to Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Promoted - LTJG Peter Aparico (ROICC) to LT. Monday June 2nd. LT Aparico almost always seems to have a smile on his face, but now that he received his "Railroad Tracks," we can expect it to be a permanent one.



Reenlisted - ET1 Michael Manning (Public Works) Tuesday June 10th. "Well I don't have much to say," he said. "But this has been a great place, so let's eat some cake." Manning will be going to the USS Dubuque in San Diego.



Photos by: JO2 Carmichael Yopez



Quarters Thursday June 19

5. ACC (AW) Edward Ashenfelter from Ops, received a Navy Commendation Medal.

6. AO1 Lawrence Lewis from Weapons, received a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.

7. MM1 Rodrick Desenfants from Security, received a Flag LOC.

8. MA3 Jennifer Carlson from Security, received a LOC.

9. Vickie Heine from Public Works, received a 10-year Legnth of Service award.

10. Cathy Harper and Laura Olague from Housing, received the Zumwalt Award for Excellence.



Welcome Aboard June Indoc Class

From left to right: AO2 Adam Brophy (Wep), AT2 Kenneth DeWitt (Strike), AOAN Socorro DeAnda (Wep), AE2 Emery Kucharick (Strike), AC3 Amy Burke (Strike), AMAN Daniel St. Pierre (Strike), AM2 George Michalec (Strike), ATAN Joshua McDowell (Strike), and AO2 Michael Chandler (Wep).



Retired - ETC (SW) Bill Tool (Admin) Tuesday June 10th. "It's been a good 20 years and they were well worth it," he said. Before moving to Florida where he plans to buy a house, Chief Toole will be going for a month long vacation to Europe. Above right, Chief Toole and his fellow Chiefs in the Goat Locker.



Farewell - DK3 Juanita Birge (PSD) transferred to Atsugi Japan in May. She received Navy Achievement Medal prior to her departure. "I enjoyed working at NAF," she said. "I will definitely miss it."



Commissary awards \$1,500.00 Scholarship



Susana Garcia, daughter of retired Air Force Master Sgt. Jose Garcia, from Raytheon, was the winner of this year's \$ 1,500.00 Scholarship award given by the Commissary and the Fisher House Foundation. Her essay on what it meant to be a military child was selected as the winner. Susan currently attends Imperial Valley College where she plans to graduate as a registered nurse and then join the Air Force as an officer.





MWR schedule of events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Walk around Oahu fitness Challenge at the F/C call Ext. 2627	Presidential Kids Sports program at the F/C 1300 to 1600 Mon - Fri	Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C		Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C *Base picnic 1200 to 1600 at the large pool	Pools, F/C & Cyber Cafe' Open	
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Red Pin Bowling 1400 - 2200		Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C	Bike & Tire Workshop for kids at Gear Issue at 1000. Bring your own bike.	Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Red Pin Bowling 1400 - 2200	Family Madness 1900 - 2200 at small pool	Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C	Mongolian BBQ at the Mirage in the evening	Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C San Diego VS AZ Diamondbacks at 1400 bus leaves at 1100		
12	13	14	16	17	18	19
Red Pin Bowling 1400 - 2200		Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C	San Diego Padres VS St. Louis Cardinals at 1400 bus leaves at 1100	Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C Captain's Cup Volleyball indoors TBA		Swim Meet Invitational Flying Fish 0700 - 1330 Large Pool
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Red Pin Bowling 1400 - 2200	New session swim 4th lesson at small pool call Ext. 2627	Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C		Spin Cycle Class 1730 - 1800 at F/C	Free Bowling Every Monday - Friday 1100 - 1400 For all eligible patrons and their guests	
27	28	29	30	31		

* July special. Buy a large Pizza and receive a free pitcher of soda

Don't forget Wednesday is Ladies Night at the Club

Movies

Jurassic Park II (PG-13)
Phone Booth (R)
Shanghai Knights (PG-13)

Fri Jul 4
Sat Jul 5
Sat Jul 5

The Life of David Gate (R)
Head of State (PG-13)
Antibody (R)

Fri Jul 11
Sat Jul 12
Sat Jul 12

Chicago (PG)
How to Loose a Guy
in 10 days (PG-13)
The Quiet American (R)

Fri Jul 18
Sat Jul 19
Sat Jul 19

Jimmy Neutron (G)
Gods and General 1 (PG-13)
Gods and General 2 (PG-13)

Fri Jul 25
Sat Jul 26
Sat Jul 26

Movies begin at 7 p.m. on Fridays and 5 p.m. on Saturdays